

Granny Square month 2021 CAL



Day 21

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I live in North Essex with my husband, three children, dog and rescue hens. I learnt to crochet when I was little but only picked it up properly when I was expecting my first baby. I purchased lots of scrappy balls of yarn, lovingly made a series of wonky blankets and was totally hooked!



Crochet is now my go-to craft for when I manage to find myself a bit of me-time at the end of the day. I like trying out new twists on old classics and making designs my own. For me, one of the best things about crochet is how versatile even the most basic of stitches is. You don't need to know complicated stitches and techniques to make something beautiful!

My square is formed with stripes of lemon peel stitch which simply alternates between double crochet and treble crochet.

I love the way that mixing up these two basic stitches adds such a lovely texture to a piece. It also provides a really workable canvas for surface crochet because the stitches aren't too uniform. I have added the word 'love' but this could be omitted or a different word or initials could be added instead – its fun to personalise a design!



Materials:

Knitcraft Cotton Blend in the following shades:

Yarn A: Light Blue

Yarn B: Denim

Yarn C: Lilac

Yarn D: Coral

You will need a 5mm hook and a tapestry needle for sewing in your ends.

Notes:

Your turning chain (the chains at the start of each row) will always count towards your stitch count for each row, so each row will be 29 stitches (28 stitches plus your turning chain of 2 or 3 chains depending on whether your turning chain is equivalent to a tr or a dc).

After the foundation row, each row is worked by alternating between tr and dc stitches. If you end a row with a dc, you will start the next row with ch 3 (counts as a tr) and should end with a tr. If you end a row with a tr, you will start the next row with Ch 2 (counts as a dc) and should end with a dc. The pattern is quite forgiving and its not the end of the world if you end up with a couple of tr or dc together. Its about keeping the overall randomness of the pattern.

Your finished square should measure 20cm square including the dc edge. To achieve this you will need to work to a tension of approximately 15 stitches and 10 rows of the pattern to fit a 10 cm square.

Abbreviations:

Please note: UK terms are used throughout

CH – Chain

TR – Treble Crochet

DC – Double Crochet

Pattern:

Foundation Row:

Using Yarn A Chain 30, 1 tr into 3rd ch from hook, 1 dc into next chain. Continue to end alternating between tr and dc. You should finish on a dc. (29 stitches including turning chain).



R1: Ch 3, 1 dc in next stitch, 1 tr in next. Continue to end alternating between tr and dc, you should finish on a tr.

R2: Ch 2, 1 tr in next stitch, 1 dc in next. Continue to end alternating between tr and dc, you should finish on a dc.

Fasten off.

R3: Join Yarn B, repeat R1



R4: Repeat R2

R5: Repeat R1. Fasten off

R6: Join Yarn C, repeat R2

R7: Repeat R1

R8: Repeat R2. Fasten Off

R9: Join Yarn A, repeat R1

R10: Repeat R2

R11: Repeat R1. Fasten off.

R12: Join Yarn B, repeat R2

R13: Repeat R1

R14: Repeat R2. Fasten Off.

R15: Join Yarn C, repeat R1

R16: Repeat R2

R17: Repeat R1. Fasten Off.

Note: As tension varies from person to person, you may need to add extra length to your square. To do this simply add further stripes in groups of 3 rows per colour until you achieve the correct length. (Don't forget that your edging row will also add around 5mm to the top and bottom of your square).

To edge: Join Yarn D to any corner, work 1dc in each stitch around the edge making 2 chains in each corner.



To work your surface crochet:

To work the heart you can either cut a template from paper or draw the outline using a water erasable marker. I have worked the lettering in freehand but again, you could mark it out using a water erasable marker. You could opt to add your own lettering or omit the lettering altogether and just work the heart outline.

To add the surface crochet, make a loop in your yarn. Use your hook to pull the loop through from the back of the piece. You will work the surface stitches by inserting the hook back through the yarn in the next space and pulling the yarn up through the loop on your hook. You are effectively working slip stitch across the surface of your work. To finish, fasten off and sew the end back through the stitches on the reverse side of the square. Sew in your ends from the start in the same way



**You've now completed
your granny square!**

Don't forget to head back to the blog where a new square will be released at 10 am, Monday to Saturday.

<https://www.hobbycraft.co.uk/ideas/knitcraft/granny-square-month-cal-2021>



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